(b) The proposed Financial Management System integrates the functions of Telephone Billing, Financial Accounting and Commercial Operations. The facilities that will be extended to the subscriber would include single window for registration, acceptance of payments, issue of work orders, refund of deposit, redressal of billing/commercial queries etc. It is also planned to extend the facility wherever feasible, of making the bill payments at any counter irrespective of the area to which the subscriber belongs. By using computer networking, data updating for payments made at departmental counters will improve.

(c) A similar system is being implemented in Bombay.

Committee to Consider the Working of the ICWA

*590. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High-Power Committee to look into the present affairs of the Indian Council of World Affairs has since been appointed;

(b) if so, what are the measures suggested by the Committee to revamp the ICWA: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) is an autonomous body. The Government of India, as such, have no control over its functioning. The high-powered committee can only be constituted with the approval of the Council. Presently, the Government have requested the governing body of the ICWA to pass a resolution requesting the Government to constitute such a high-powered committee. As and when this resolution is passed, the Government will constitute this committee.

Progress in Commissioning New Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

*591. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the work-items completed in respect of the Exchanges of Type E—10 B and C—DOT sanctioned in the commissioning programme for New Exchanges for 1994-95 and STD plan for Mandal Headquarters in Andhra Pradesh Telecom Circle;

(b) the time required for completion of the remaining items of the programme for 1994-95; and

(c) the reasons for failure to complete the entire programme for 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) (i) All the new E—10B exchanges included in the Commissioning Programme for Andhra Telecom Circle for 1994-95- have been commissioned. In the case of C-DOT exchanges, work has been completed in 12 exchanges against 18 included in the Programme.

(ii) There is a plan to provide STD facility to all exchanges including Mandal Headquarters by 1997.

(b) Remaining six C-DOT exchanges will be commissioned during 1995-96.

(c) These six exchanges could not be completed during 1994-95 due to delay in availability of infrastructure.